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Applicant : Ho Keung, Tse. Filing Date : 12/01/95  
 Application Number : 08/587,448 Group Art Unit : 2202  
 Examiner : Laufer, P

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Sir,

Please consider the following proposal and I shall contact you on Dec., 16, 17 for a brief discussion by telephone, if possible.

Amendment Proposal

Please amend independent claims 1, 12, 17 as follows :

1.(Third time amended) Authorising software, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium, for use on a computer, to protect other commercial computer software by discouraging the rightful or authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing an unauthorised user to use said protected software or a duplication copy thereof; [which being made to meet] said computer conforming to an existing standard [such] so that any software [product(s) meeting] conforming to said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof; said authorising software being for, when executed, 1) authorising [other] said protected software which being [protected from unauthorised use] not usable in a normal manner without said authorisation(s), to be used on said computer ; 2) determining the presence of an identity software on said computer and if said identity software being present, authenticating said identity software; said identity software being for use on a said standard computer to, with no effective protection against unauthorised use, provide [an] identity information of said [the] rightful or authorised user [of said authorising software] ; said identity information being for to be authenticated by a remote computing means [computer] in order for enabling [said remote computer to perform] operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible, to be performed; [and the presence of said identity software on said computer is being determined without a said operation]

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